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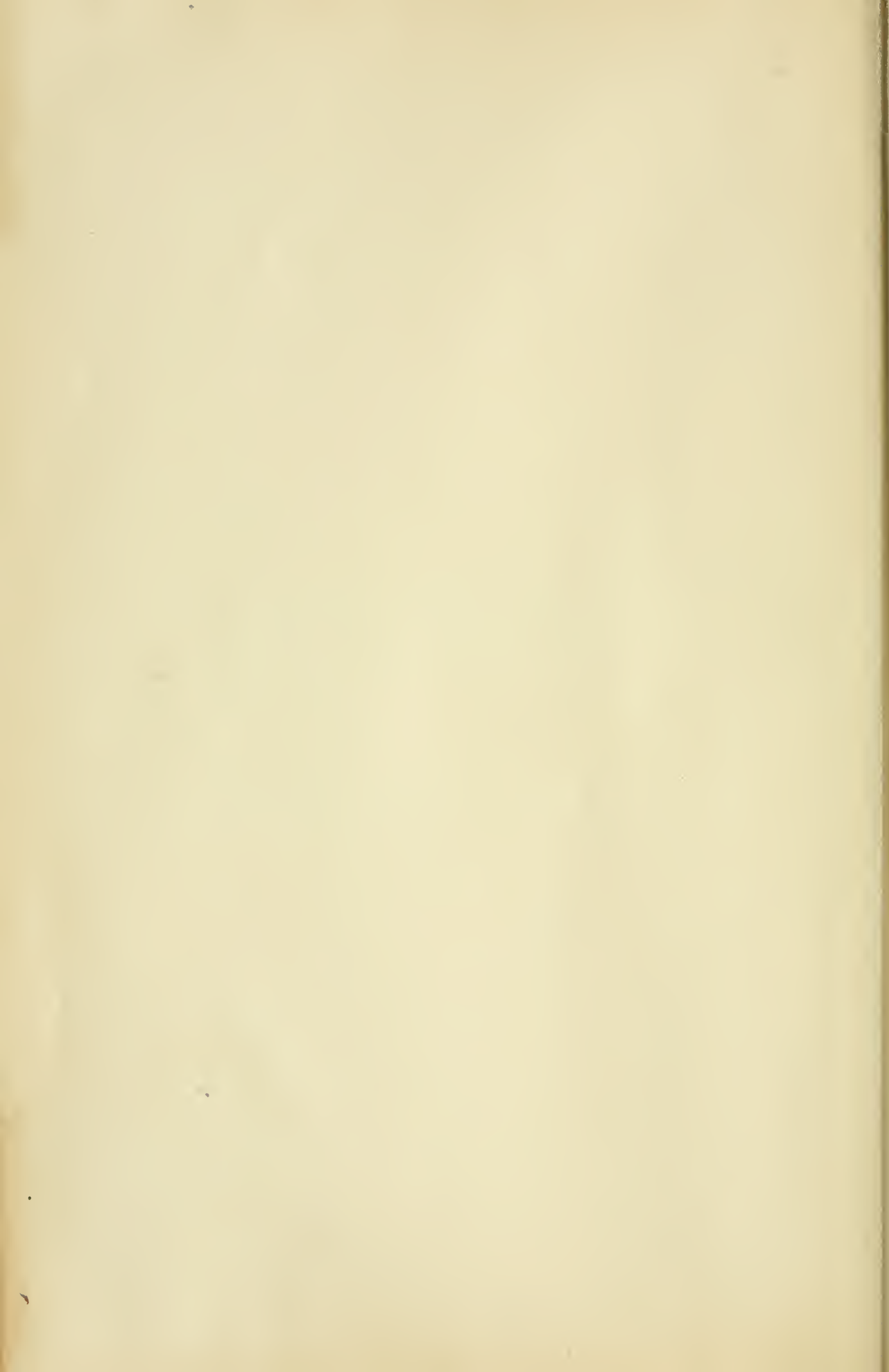
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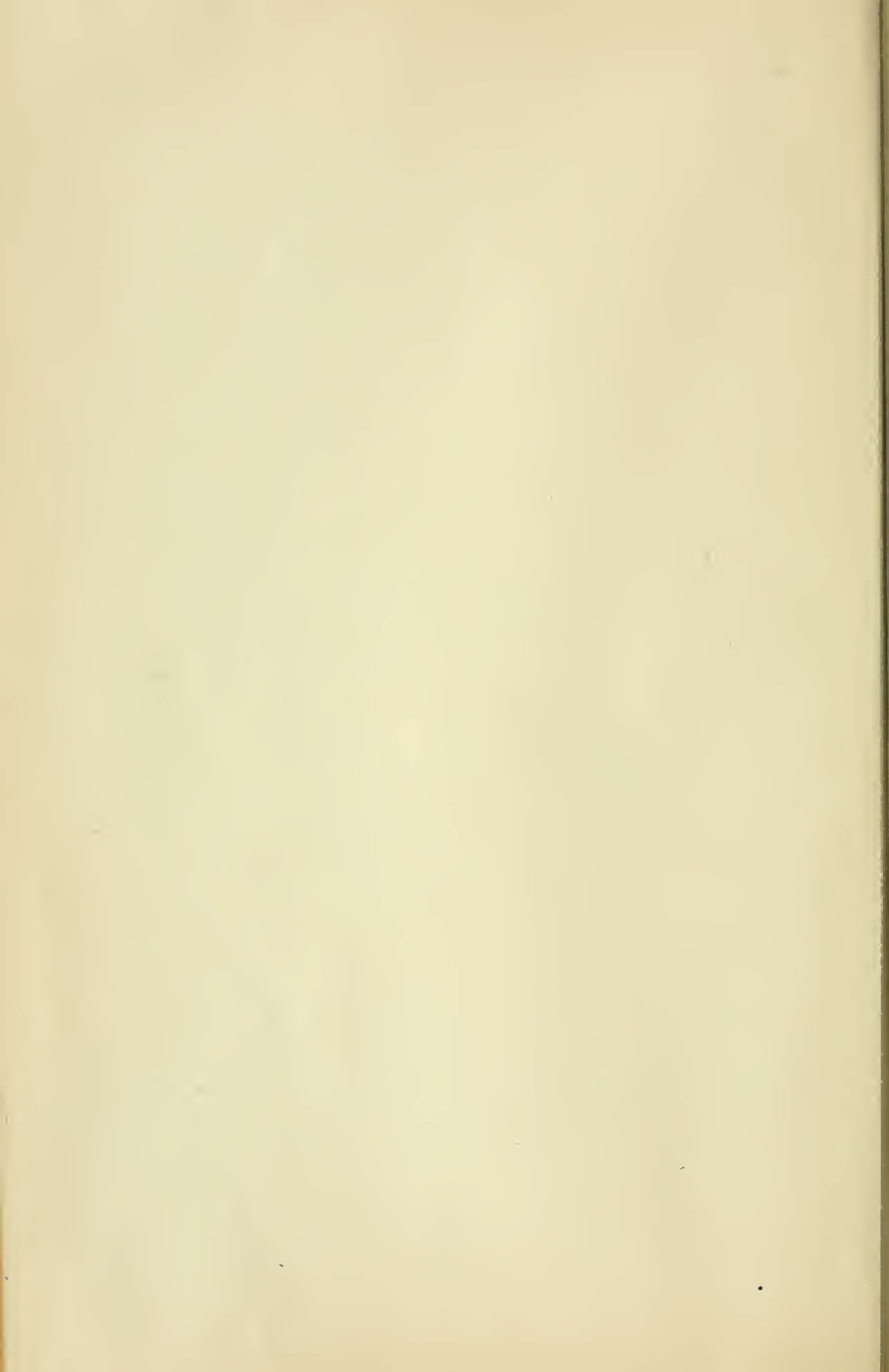
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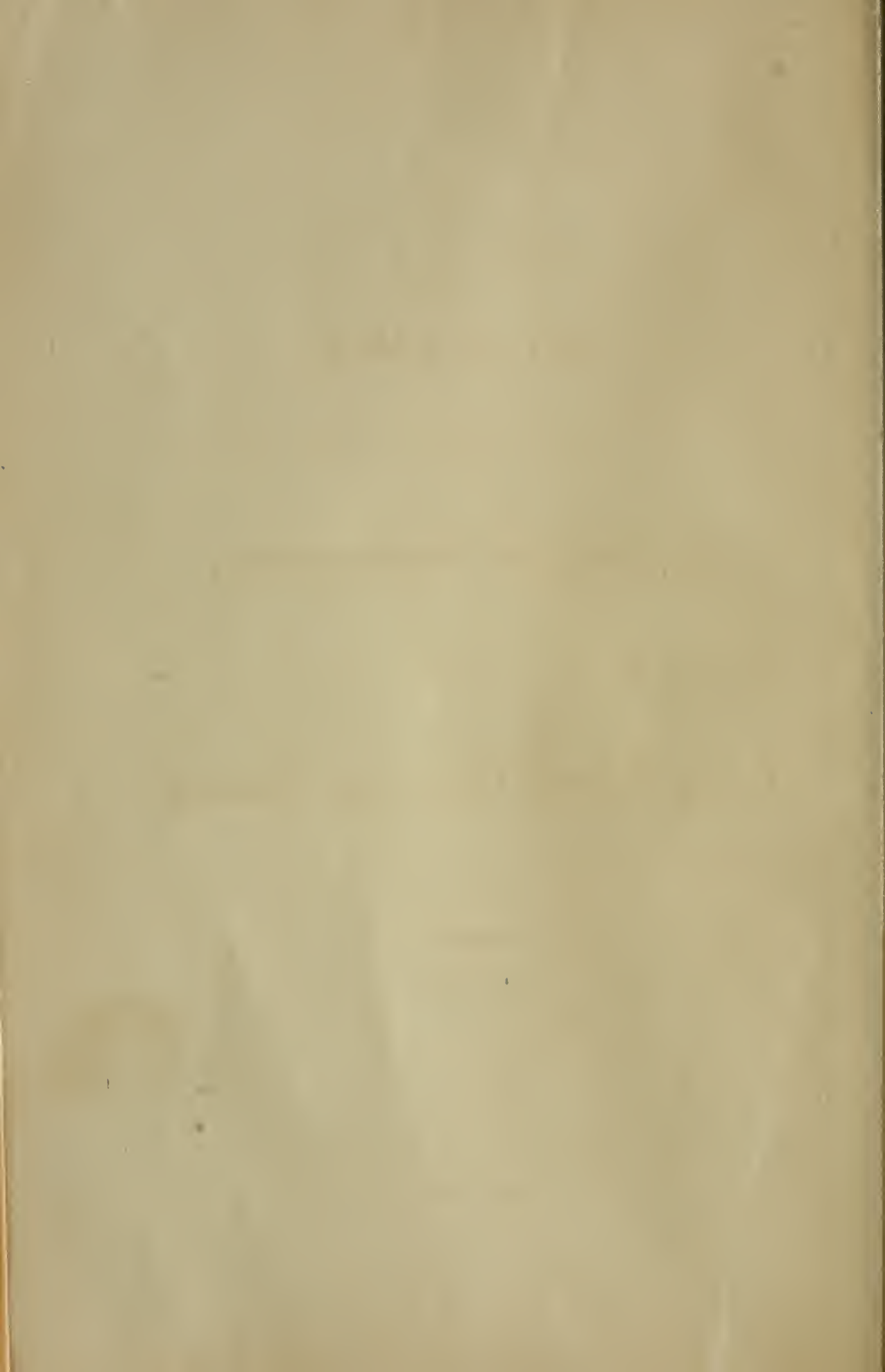
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LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 12th of November, 1863, it was

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws, List of Members, etc., be published and distributed, under the direction of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Librarian.

Attest,

A. COOKE HULL,

Recording Secretary.



Officers
OF THE
LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
1863.

President,
J. CARSON BREVOORT.

First Vice-President,
JOHN GREENWOOD.

Second Vice-President,
CHARLES E. WEST.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary,
HENRY C. MURPHY.

Home Corresponding Secretary,
JOHN WINSLOW.

Recording Secretary,
A. COOKE HULL.

Treasurer,
CHARLES CONGDON.

Librarian,
HENRY R. STILES.

Directors.

First Class, 1863.

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 A. COOKE HULL, M.D.,
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Second Class, 1864.

JOHN HAROLD,
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Third Class, 1865.

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 HENRY R. STILES, M.D.,
 A. N. LITTLEJOHN, D.D.,
 CHARLES E. WEST, LL.D.,

Fourth Class, 1866.

HON. JOHN GREENWOOD,
 HENRY P. HEDGES,
 HON. HENRY C. MURPHY,
 WILLIAM POOLE,
 HENRY SHELDON.

Fifth Class, 1867.

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 HENRY E. PIERREPONT.

Counsellors.

HON. JOHN A. LOTT, FRANCIS VINTON, D.D., TEUNIS G. BERGEN, Esq.,	}	<i>Kings County.</i>
WM. CULLEN BRYANT, Esq., HON. JOHN A. KING, RICH. C. McCORMICK, Esq.,	}	<i>Queens County.</i>
HON. SELAH B. STRONG, HON. J. LAWRENCE SMITH, WM. S. PELLETREAU, Esq.,	}	<i>Suffolk County.</i>

Each of the three Counties on Long Island is entitled to three Counsellors, to aid and advise in the Government of the Society.

Executive Committee.

R. S. STORRS, JR., D.D., *Chairman.*
J. M. VAN COTT,
A. J. SPOONER,
ETHELBERT S. MILLS.
GEORGE W. PARSONS,
HENRY SHELDON,
EDWARD WARREN, *Secretary.*

The Officers of the Society are members, *ex-officio*, of the Executive Committee.

Committee on Fine Arts.

REGIS GIGNOUX,
JARED P. FLAGG, D.D.
HON. HARMANUS B. DURYEA,
R. W. HUBBARD,
GORDON L. FORD,
EDWARD WHITEHOUSE,
ELBERT S. PORTER, D.D.

The President, Librarian, Chairman of Executive Committee, and Counsellors, are members, *ex-officio*, of the Committee on Fine Arts.

Historical Sketch.

THE first movement towards the formation of this Society was the issuing of the following circular :

BROOKLYN, *February 14th*, 1863.

SIR : The time has arrived when the City of Brooklyn should found and foster institutions—religious, historical, literary, scientific, educational, and humanitarian—beyond the scope of former undertakings. As one of these, a Historical Society, associated with our peculiar geographical position, naturally suggests itself. We propose to establish

“THE LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.”

The threefold Indian, Dutch, and English history of the Island is full of interest, and there are, doubtless, concealed treasures in each department which will be developed by research and inquiry.

By calling out the recollections of the living, who will soon pass away, drawing public records and private writings from their concealment, having a fit place for the collection and deposit of trophies, memorials, and historic materials, and also for conversations and lectures upon Historic topics, it cannot be doubted that much valuable knowledge will be saved and communicated which would otherwise be irretrievably lost.

It is proposed to establish, first, a library and repository of books, documents and manuscripts, memorials, trophies, and pictures. For this purpose, all persons are requested to favor us with any appropriate material in their possession, either by gift or on deposit.

It is also proposed to encourage lectures upon Historic and kindred topics.

Without further developing our plans and objects in this circular, we invite your attendance at the rooms of the Hamilton Literary Association, Hamilton Buildings, corner of Court and Joralemon streets, Brooklyn, (the door nearest the corner), on the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd, 1863, at 8 o'clock, to take measures to organize the Society.

HENRY C. MURPHY,	}	<i>Kings County.</i>
ALDEN J. SPOONER,		
JOHN GREENWOOD,		
JOHN WINSLOW,		
J. M. VAN COTT,		

R. C. McCORMICK, JR.,	}	<i>Queens County.</i>
H. ONDERDONK, JR.,		

HENRY P. HEDGES,
Suffolk County.

At a meeting, held pursuant to the above call, at the time and place above mentioned, Prof. Chas. E. West was appointed Chairman, and Elias Lewis, Jr., Secretary.

After a free and friendly interchange of views among those present, it was, on motion of A. J. Spooner, Esq.,

“*Resolved*, That the time has arrived when Brooklyn, as the third city in the Union, and Long Island, as the geographical region with which it is connected, should found and establish, and this meeting does found and establish, the ‘Long Island Historical Society,’ whose objects shall be to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to general history, to the natural, civil, ecclesiastical, and literary history of the United States, the State of New York, and, more particularly, of the counties, cities, towns, and villages of Long Island.”

On motion of Hon. John Greenwood, a committee was also appointed to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for the Society.

At the next meeting, held on the evening of the 10th of March, the above named Constitution and By-Laws were reported and adopted; and all present, thirty-one in number, enrolled themselves as members of the Society.

At the next meeting, on the 30th of March, the Committee of Membership reported that one hundred and fifty-eight gentlemen had

signified their desire to become members of the Society since the first meeting of March 3rd, and, on motion of Hon. John Greenwood, it was unanimously

“Resolved, That a committee of seven persons, of whom the Chairman of this meeting shall be one, be appointed by the Chair with power to cause a proper Certificate of Incorporation of this Society to be prepared, with the names of such persons as they may deem most suitable for the first Board of Directors, provided for by the Constitution, adopted at a former meeting, and to cause such Certificate to be filed, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of this State.”

The organization of the Society being thus completed, it was formally inaugurated, by an address delivered on the evening of May 7th, in the Academy of Music, by R. S. Storrs, Jr., D.D., on the “Life, Character, and Services of the late Gen. O. M. Mitchell.”

The new Rooms of the Society, in the Hamilton Buildings, corner of Court and Joralemon streets, were formally opened to the membership and to the public, on the evening of the 4th of June; and the occasion was graced by a large and highly intelligent audience, which was agreeably entertained by eloquent and appropriate addresses from several distinguished citizens of Brooklyn.

Since that date, the progress of the Society, in the acquisition of literary treasures, as well as in the increase of its membership and its consequent influence, has been rapid and brilliant to a degree hitherto unequalled in the history of similar institutions. Its roll of members, already numbering more than 400, is rapidly increasing by the addition of a class of citizens whose character, social position, and high cultivation, form a sure guarantee of the future prosperity and permanence of the Society. Its Library, now in the sixth month of its existence, comprises (principally by donation) more than 9,000 distinct works, of which over 5,000 are bound volumes; the whole forming a collection of rare interest and value, and in some departments already superior to any other collection in the State. The liberality of several of our well-known citizens has further secured the foundation, on a broad and liberal basis, of certain special departments of historical research, and has also adorned the walls with the attractions of several fine portraits, paintings, etc.

In short, so munificent has been the generosity of the members and

friends of the Society, that, within half a year from its commencement, the Library has become totally inadequate for the accommodation of the books, curiosities, etc., which have been accumulated; and the Executive Committee have accordingly secured three large adjoining apartments, which will shortly be added to the present rooms, and which will afford a large amount of additional book-room.

Since the opening of our Rooms, the following addresses and original papers have been read before the Society:

June 11th. In the chapel of the Packer Institute, An Oration on "The Annals of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations," by Rev. Francis Vinton, D.D.; accompanied by a brilliant Poem, by George W. Curtis, Esq.

July 4th. In the Academy of Music, An Oration, by Grenville Tudor Jenks, Esq.

Sept. 4th. At a County meeting, held at Hempstead, L. I., a Paper on "Experiences in Charleston, S. C., in the earlier part of the Rebellion, and as U. S. Consul at the Bahamas, during the first two years of the War," by Capt. Samuel Whiting; also, a "Memoir of Timothy Clowes, L.L.D., of Hempstead, L. I.," by Alden J. Spooner, Esq.

Sept. 24th. At a special meeting of the Society, a Paper entitled "Personal Recollections of Aaron Burr, and some of his Contemporaries of the New York Bar," by the Hon. John Greenwood.

Oct. 9th. A Conversational meeting. Subject: "The Indian History of Long Island."

Nov. 2d. At a regular meeting of the Society, a Paper on "Long Island," by Wm. Alfred Jones, Esq., Librarian of Columbia College, New York.

Nov. 10th. In the chapel of the Packer Institute, the first of a series of six Lectures, to be delivered on successive Tuesday evenings, on "The Fall of Rome," by the Rev. John Lord.

Dec. 3rd. At a regular meeting of the Society, in the chapel of the Packer Institute, a Paper on "The Battle of Long Island," by Henry B. Dawson, Esq., of Morrisania, N. Y.

Certificate of Incorporation.

We, the subscribers, hereby certify, that we have associated ourselves in pursuance of Title VI., Chap. XVIII. of Part I., of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, for the purpose of promoting Historical Science. The name by which the Society is to be known, is "THE LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY."

The particular business and objects of the said Society are to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to general history, to the natural, civil, literary, and ecclesiastical history of the United States, the State of New York, and, more particularly, of the counties, cities, towns, and villages of Long Island. The number of the Directors of the said Society is to be twenty-five, and the names of the Directors for the first year are as follows, viz: J. Carson Brevoort, Henry C. Murphy, John Greenwood, Charles E. West, Richard S. Storrs, Jr., Henry R. Stiles, Alden J. Spooner, Ethelbert S. Mills, John Winslow, Henry Sheldon, Charles A. Townsend, A. Cooke Hull, Joshua M. Van Cott, George W. Parsons, Roswell Graves, Theodore L. Mason, Edward Warren, Charles Congdon, Henry E. Pierrepont, William I. Budington, Thomas W. Field, John Harold, Henry P. Hedges, Elias Lewis, Jr., and William Poole.

The business of this Society is to be conducted, and its place of business to be located in the City of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings.

CHARLES E. WEST,
J. GREENWOOD,
GEO. W. PARSONS,
A. COOKE HULL,
E. S. MILLS.

Dated Brooklyn, April 2, 1863.

COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY OF BROOKLYN, ss.:

On this second day of April, 1863, before me personally appeared Chas. E. West, J. Greenwood, A. Cooke Hull, Geo. W. Parsons, E. S. Mills, to me known to be the persons des-

cribed in, and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

JOHN WINSLOW, *Notary Public*.

I hereby approve of, and consent to, the filing of the within Certificate in the office of the Secretary of the State, and in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, in the State of New York. April 6. 1863.

JOHN A. LOTT,

Justice of Supreme Court, residing in Second Judicial District.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, April 6, 1863.

By-Laws

OF THE

LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

N A M E .

I. The name of this Society is, "The Long Island Historical Society."

O B J E C T .

II. The object of the Society is to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to general history, especially to the natural, civil, literary, and ecclesiastical history of the United States, the State of New York, and more particularly of the counties, towns, and villages of Long Island.

M E M B E R S .

III. The Society shall consist of Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary members. Resident members shall be persons residing on Long Island. Corresponding and Honorary members shall be persons residing elsewhere; and not more than twelve Honorary members shall be elected in any one year. Resident members, upon removing from Long Island, and on giving notice thereof to the Recording Secretary, shall thereafter be Corresponding members; and, in like manner, Corresponding members, upon coming to reside on Long Island, shall cease to be Corresponding members, and, upon giving the like notice, shall thereafter be Resident members.

The Clerks of the several counties of Long Island shall be members, *ex-officio*.

F E E S A N D D U E S .

IV. Each Resident member shall, on admission, pay five dollars as an initiation fee, and three dollars as dues for the current year; and annually, thereafter, three dollars as dues; or, in lieu thereof, a Life-membership fee of twenty-five dollars, as a commutation for all regular dues. Should any Resident member, other than a Life member, fail to pay the said fees and dues for two years successively, or at any time refuse to pay the same, the Executive Committee shall erase his name from the list of members, and he shall no longer be a member of the Society.

G O V E R N M E N T — E L E C T I O N O F D I R E C T O R S .

V. The government of the Society shall be vested in a Board of twenty-five Directors; to be chosen by the Society, as hereinafter provided, by ballot, on the first Thursday of May of each year, of which election notice shall be given in at least two papers, printed on Long Island.

At a meeting of the Directors, to be held on the 16th of April, 1863, the Directors shall proceed to divide themselves by lot, into five equal classes, to be denominated First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Classes respectively. Such classification shall be made as follows: The names of the Directors, written upon separate slips of paper, shall be placed in a box, and in another box shall be placed an equal number of slips, upon five whereof shall be written the words "First Class," upon another five the words "Second Class," upon another five the words "Third Class," upon another five the words "Fourth Class," and upon the remaining five the words "Fifth Class."

The President shall then proceed to draw from the box containing the names of the Directors the name of one Director.

and from the box containing the numbers of the classes, in like manner, a slip; and the Director whose name is so drawn, shall be deemed to belong to the class inscribed upon the slip drawn with his name. The President shall proceed in like manner until the Directors shall have all been classified. The Directors of the first class shall hold their offices for one year, those of the second class for two years, those of the third class for three years, those of the fourth class for four years, and those of the fifth class for five years.

At the regular meeting of the Society, to be held on the first Thursday of May, 1864, there shall be held an election for five Directors to fill the places of the Directors of the first class, whose term shall then expire; and annually thereafter an election shall be held for five Directors to fill the place of those whose term of office shall then expire; and all Directors elected at said election in 1864, and thereafter, shall hold their office for five years. Any Director appointed to fill a vacancy, shall hold his office for the balance of the unexpired term of the person to whose place he shall be so appointed.

In case any election for Directors shall not be held at the time above appointed, such election may be held at the next regular meeting of the Society, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, in the manner herein before mentioned; and the Directors elected at such meeting shall hold their offices for the same terms as if they had been elected at the meeting at which such election should have taken place.

The Directors shall have custody of all buildings, funds, securities, and collections, belonging to the Society; shall fix all salaries to be paid to its officers; and shall have in their hands the entire control and regulation of its affairs, in the intervals between the Annual Meetings. They shall fill vacancies occurring in the Board during the year; and shall meet on the second Thursday of May in each year, and as much oftener as they shall deem necessary, or shall be called together by the President or Executive Committee. The Directors may declare the place of any member of the Board vacant who shall

be absent from three successive meetings of the Board without sending a reasonable excuse therefor to the Recording Secretary.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

VI. Members shall be elected as follows : The candidates shall be proposed publicly at a meeting of the Society, by a member thereof, and the nominations, together with the name of the member making them, shall be entered on the minutes, and be referred to the Executive Committee. The Reports of that Committee, recommending candidates for election, shall be openly read to the Society, at a meeting subsequent to that at which the nominations were made ; and if any member demand a ballot, the election shall be by ballot, and five black balls shall exclude. If no ballot be demanded, the candidates so recommended shall be declared duly elected members of the Society.

Members may also be elected by the Board of Directors ; and Corresponding or Honorary members, may, by a unanimous vote of the Board, be elected without a previous nomination.

All certificates of membership shall be signed by the President and by the Secretaries.

OFFICERS.

VII. The Officers of the Society, except the Counsellors, shall hereafter be elected annually, on the first Monday of May, 1864, by the Board of Directors, from their own number, and shall be :

- A PRESIDENT,
- A FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT,
- A SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT,
- A FOREIGN CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
- A HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
- A RECORDING SECRETARY,
- A TREASURER,
- A LIBRARIAN, and
- AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, of seven members.

The Officers of the Society shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Executive Committee; and five members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

COUNSELLORS.

VIII. There shall also be Nine Counsellors, who, for the first year, shall be elected by the Directors, and annually thereafter by the Society; three of whom shall be residents of Kings County, three of Queens County, and three of Suffolk County.

It shall be the duty of the Counsellors to consult and advise with the Society, and with the Directors, as to the best means of promoting the objects of the Society; and for that purpose they may attend the meetings of the Directors, and take part in their discussions, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

The Counsellors shall also be, *ex-officio*, members of the Committee on Fine Arts.

COMMITTEE ON THE FINE ARTS.

IX. The President, Librarian, and Chairman of the Executive Committee, together with seven other members, to be appointed annually by the President, shall constitute a standing committee, to be called "The Committee on Fine Arts."

ANNUAL MEETING.

X. The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting on the first Thursday of May, 1864, and in each and every year thereafter, at which an election of five Directors and nine Counsellors, by ballot, shall take place. In such election, a plurality of votes given shall determine the choice.

At this Annual Meeting, a Report shall be presented by the Board of Directors, of all the business which they have transacted in the preceding year, and of all the property of the Society under their charge; which Report shall be entered in full on the permanent Records of the Society.

STATED AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

XI. The Society shall meet statedly for literary exercises, and for the nomination and election of new members, at its Library, on the first Thursday in every month, excepting July and August, unless otherwise specially ordered. But the President, or in his absence either of the Vice-Presidents, may, and upon the written request of any nine members, three of whom shall be Directors, shall call a Special Meeting, giving three days' notice thereof, to be published in at least two public newspapers printed on Long Island.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

XII. At the Stated Meetings of the Society, the following shall be the order of exercises :

1. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Communications from officers of the Society, or from the Board of Directors.
3. Election of members previously proposed.
4. Nomination of new members.
5. Papers read, and addresses delivered, before the Society.

But at the Annual Meeting, the Report of the Board of Directors, the election of Directors and Counsellors for the ensuing term, and the transaction of Miscellaneous Business, shall follow the nomination of new members, and precede the reading of papers.

QUORUM.

XIII. At all meetings of the Society, twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

XIV. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence a Chairman, *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Directors and of the Society,

and shall have a casting vote. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall also appoint all committees authorized by the Directors, or by the Society, unless otherwise specially ordered.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

XV. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. They shall, at every meeting of the Society, report such letters and communications as they may have received; they shall prepare all letters to be written in connection with the business or objects of the Society, and transmit the same; but the Executive Committee may appoint a committee to prepare a letter or letters, on any special occasion. They shall keep, in suitable books, to be provided for that purpose, true copies of all letters written on behalf of the Society; and shall carefully preserve said copies, with the originals of all letters and communications received, and shall deposit the same in the Library.

The duties of the Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall be limited to the correspondence with individuals or associate bodies in foreign countries; and those of the Home Corresponding Secretary shall, in like manner, be confined to the United States; except that, in the absence of either of these officers, or during a vacancy in either office, the duties thus left unfulfilled shall devolve upon the other Corresponding Secretary, until such absence shall terminate, or the vacancy be supplied.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

XVI. The Recording Secretary shall have the charge of the Seal, Charter, By-Laws, and Records of the Directors and the Society. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Directors and of the Society. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as shall be directed by the Society or Directors, and shall transmit to them their proper diplomas or certificates of member-

ship. He shall, under the direction of the President, or either of the Vice Presidents, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Directors and the Society, and shall attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Directors and the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers, and to the Executive and other Committees, of all votes, orders, resolves, and proceedings of the Directors and the Society, affecting them, or appertaining to their respective duties.

TREASURER.

XVII. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; and so often as these funds shall amount to One Hundred dollars, they shall be deposited in some bank in the City of Brooklyn to the credit of "The Long Island Historical Society," and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer, for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds, he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, or by the Executive Committee out of appropriations made by the Board. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments; and at each meeting of the Committee, or of the Board, and at the Annual Meeting of the Society, shall render the same, when the Executive Committee shall audit his accounts.

XVIII. If from the report of the Treasurer there shall appear to be a balance against the Treasury, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Society, until such balance shall be paid.

LIBRARIAN.

XIX. The Librarian, in connection with the Executive Committee, shall have the charge and superintendence of the Library, and the care and arrangement of the books, manuscripts, and other articles belonging to the Society. He shall cause to be prepared and kept, a proper catalogue and list of the same. He shall acknowledge the receipt of donations to the Society

in his department. He shall expend in the purchase of books and other articles, and for their safe keeping and preservation, at the direction of the said Committee, such sums of money as shall from time to time be appropriated for that purpose, and report thereon to the Executive Committee, and to the Board at each of its Regular Meetings. He shall, at least once in each year, render his accounts for such purchases and expenditures to the Treasurer for settlement; and shall further make to the Society, at each Annual Meeting, a full report on the condition and progress of the Library and collections.

LIBRARY REGULATIONS.

XX. The following shall be the regulations for the use of the Library :

1. No book or manuscript shall at any time be lent to any person to be removed from the Library.
2. No manuscript in the Library, nor any paper read before the Society and deposited in its archives, shall be published, except by the order of the Directors, or with the consent of the Executive Committee.
3. The hours during which the Library shall be open, shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.
4. During such hours, any member of the Society may have free access to consult any book or manuscript, except such as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and to make extracts from the same under the authority of the Librarian. Any person, not a member, may obtain the like privilege of consultation from the President or Librarian, if known to them, or upon the recommendation of some other member to whom the applicant is known. But no person, not a member, shall be permitted to make extracts from the manuscripts of the Society, excepting the donors or depositors of the same, without special authority from the Executive Committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the Librarian, or his Assistant, to report to the Executive Committee any injury done to any book or manuscript by any person consulting the same; and the said Committee may, at their discretion, lay such reports before the Board. For any such injury, the person doing it shall make such pecuniary compensation as the said Committee shall judge proper; and if he be not a member, the Committee shall have power to prohibit him from further access to the Library.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

XXI. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to solicit and receive donations for the Society; to provide for its literary or other exercises; to recommend plans, and make the necessary arrangements, for promoting its objects; to digest and prepare business; to authorize the disbursement and expenditure of moneys in the Treasury, out of the general appropriations made by the Board of Directors, for the payment of salaries, current expenses, fitting up the Library, the ordinary purchase of books, binding, printing, and other necessary outlays. They shall have power to appoint a Janitor and Porter, and to prescribe their duties, and fix their salaries. They shall, in connection with the Librarian, have charge of the arrangement and regulation of the Library and collections; and shall have authority at any time to examine into the condition of the same, and into the state of the finances; as also generally to superintend the interests of the Society, and execute all such duties as may from time to time be committed to them by the Board.

They shall meet at least once in every month, excepting the month of August, and shall keep accurate Minutes of all their transactions; and a full Report shall be presented by them, at each Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, of what has been done by them, or by the Librarian and Treasurer, at their direction, in the interval between that and the preceding Regular Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FINE ARTS.

XXII. The Committee on Fine Arts shall have the arrangement and general direction of the Society's Gallery of Art. They shall decide upon the admission into the Gallery of objects of art, and determine their position therein. They shall, subject to the approval of the Board, make such special rules and regulations in regard to the Gallery, as they may think necessary for its preservation, proper use, and enjoyment ; and shall devise and present plans for its extension and improvement.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

XXIII. No alteration in the By-Laws of the Society shall be made, unless such alteration shall have been openly proposed at a previous meeting of the Directors, entered on the minutes, with the name of the Director proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a majority of the members of the Board. And in case of such proposed amendment, the Recording Secretary shall be required to accompany the notice for the next meeting of the Board with a copy of the proposed amendment, and a notice that the same will be acted upon at the meeting for which the notice was given.

A M E N D M E N T

Proposed at Annual Meeting of the Society, May 5, 1864, and referred to and adopted by the Board of Directors, May 12, 1864.

ART. IV.—Strike out the word "THREE" in second, and third line, and insert, in lieu thereof, the word "FIVE." Strike out the words "TWENTY-FIVE," in fourth line, and insert, in lieu thereof, the words "FORTY-FIVE."

A M E N D M E N T

Adopted by the Board of Directors, April 28, 1864.

ART. VIII.—There shall also be eighteen Counsellors, who shall be elected by the Society annually ; six of whom shall be residents of Kings County, six of Queens County, six of Suffolk County.

It shall be the duty of the Counsellors to consult and advise with the Society, with the Directors, and with the Executive Committee, as to the best means of promoting the objects of the Society ; and for that purpose they may attend the meetings of the Directors, and of the Executive Committee, and take part in their Discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote.

The Counsellors shall also be, *ex-officio*, members of the Committee on Fine Arts.



By-Laws
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

I. The Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the second Thursday of May, September, and January, and the last Thursday of April, in each year, at 8 o'clock P. M. Special Meetings may also be called at any time, by the Executive Committee, or by five members of the Board, on giving written notice of the same to each Director three days previously.

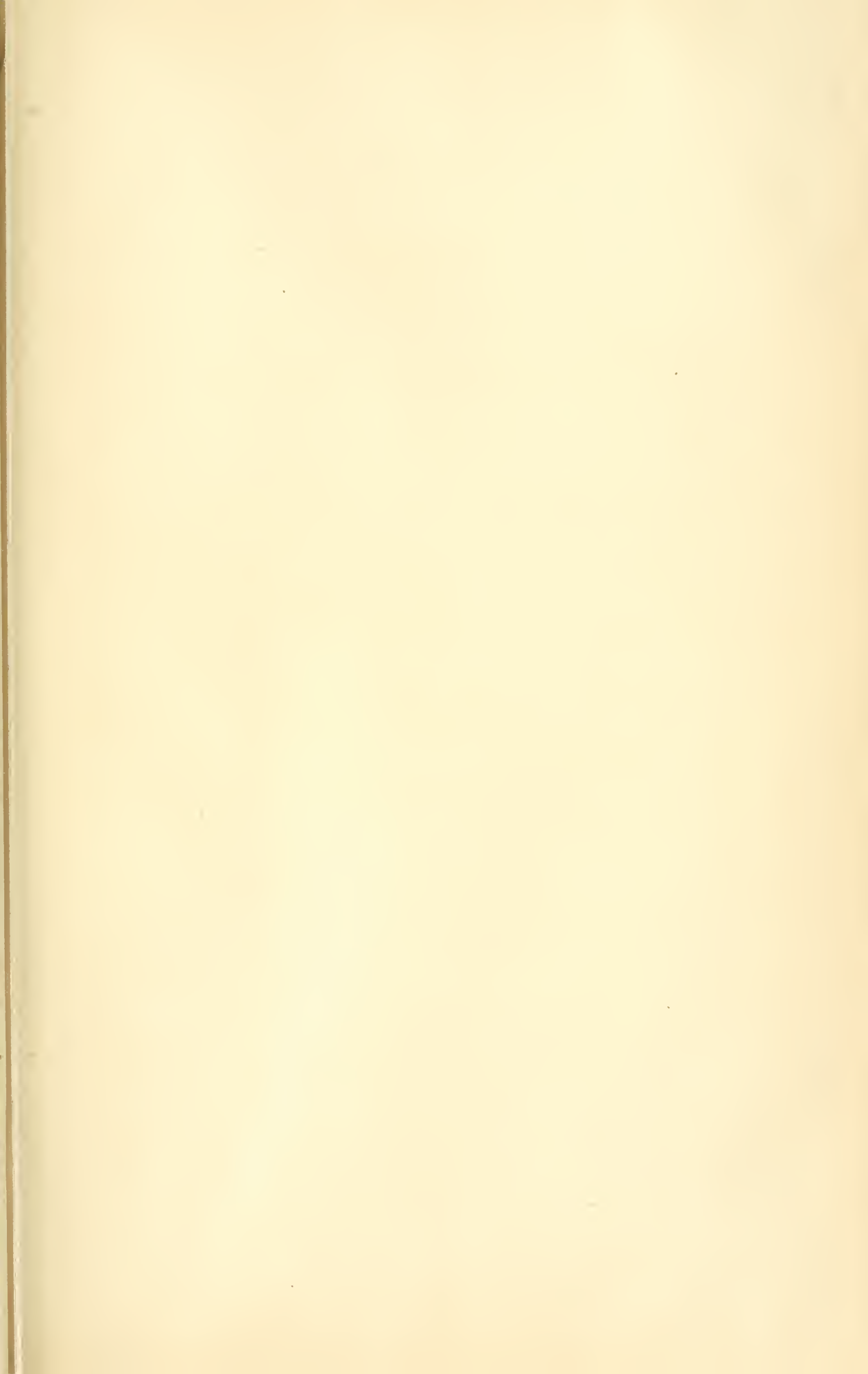
II. The Executive Committee shall audit all bills and claims before the same shall be paid by the Treasurer.

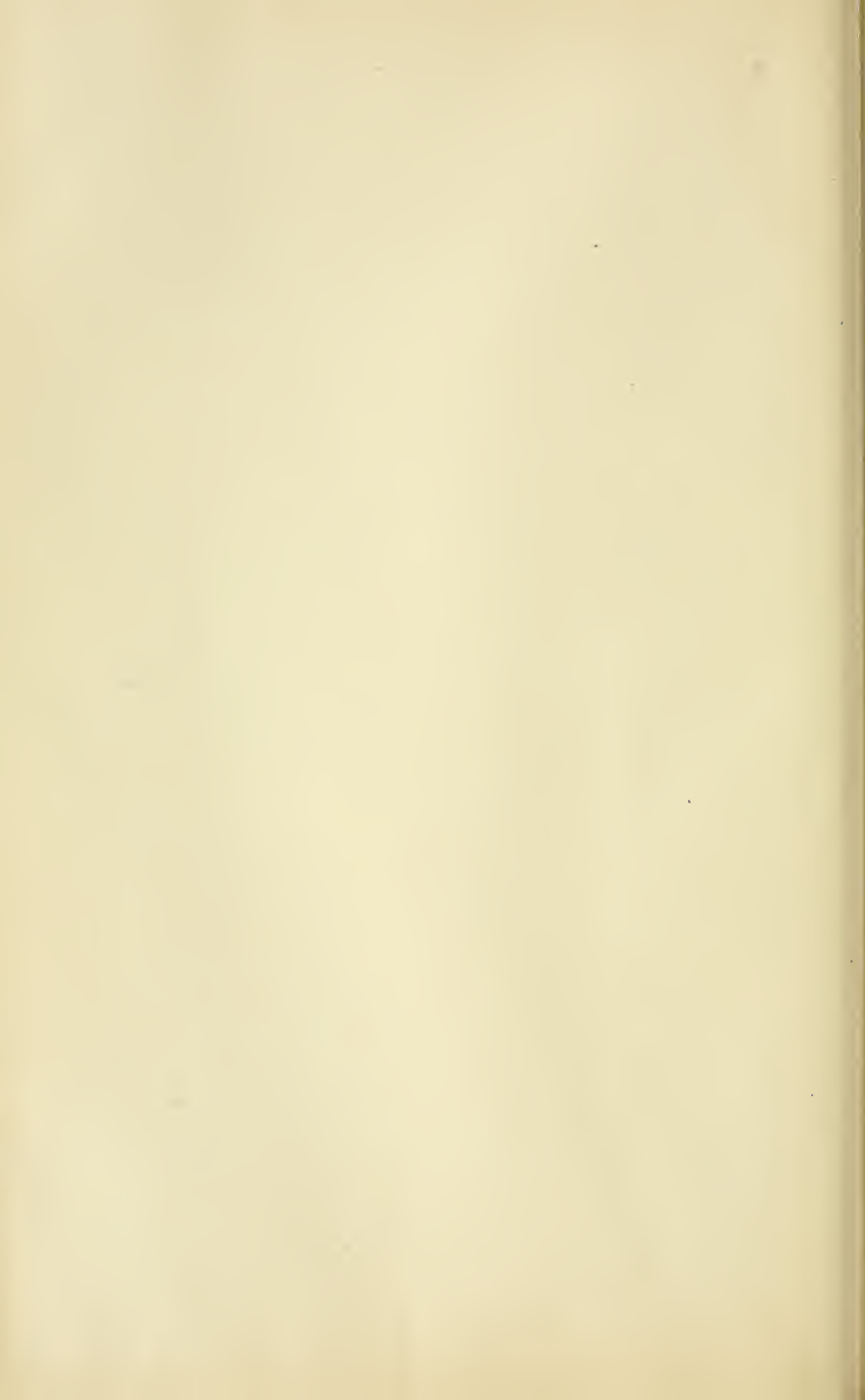
III. The Order of Business, at the Regular and Special Meetings of the Board, shall be as follows:

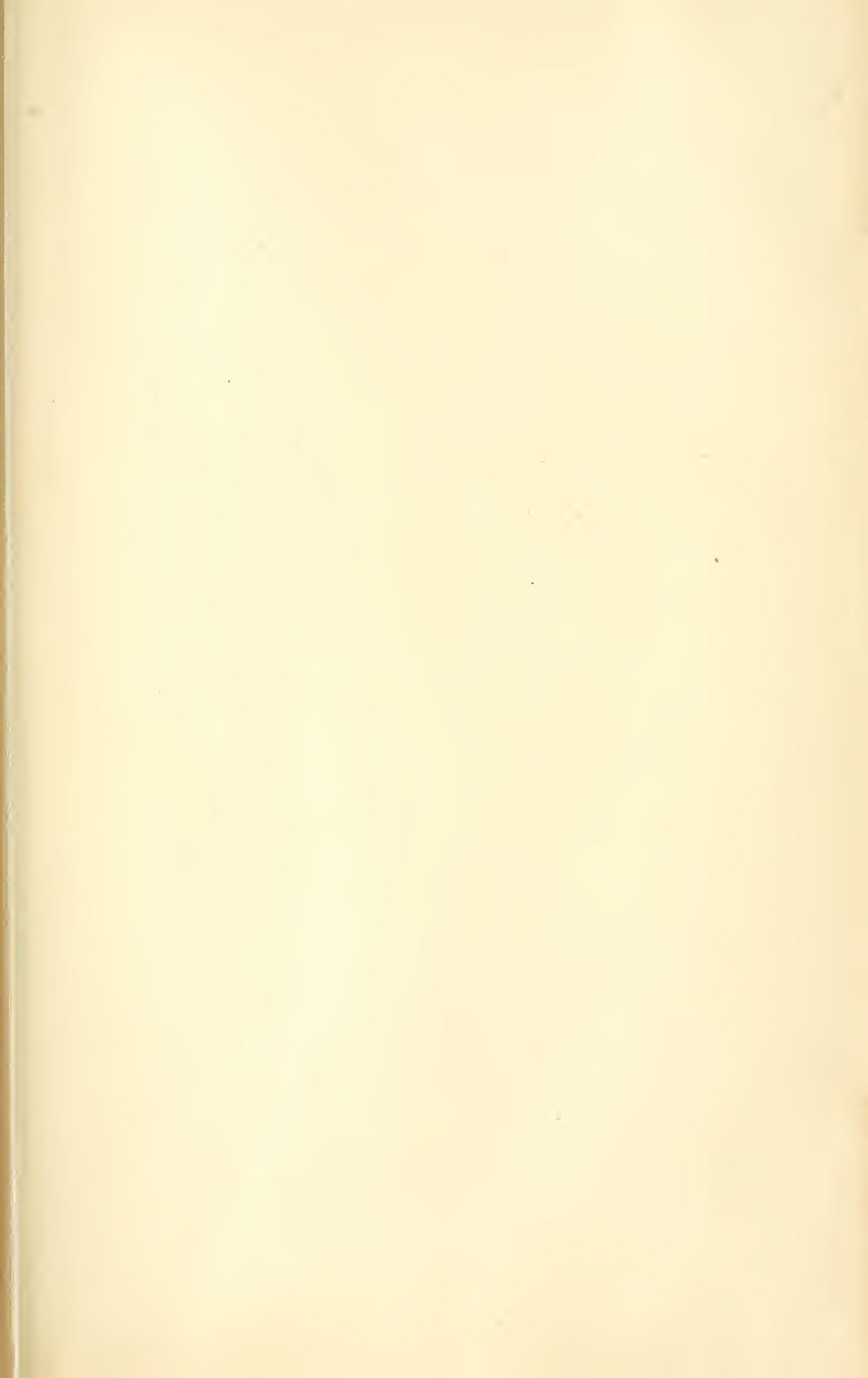
1. The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Report of the Executive Committee.
3. Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.
4. Reports of Special or other Committees.
5. Appropriations for objects of the Society.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

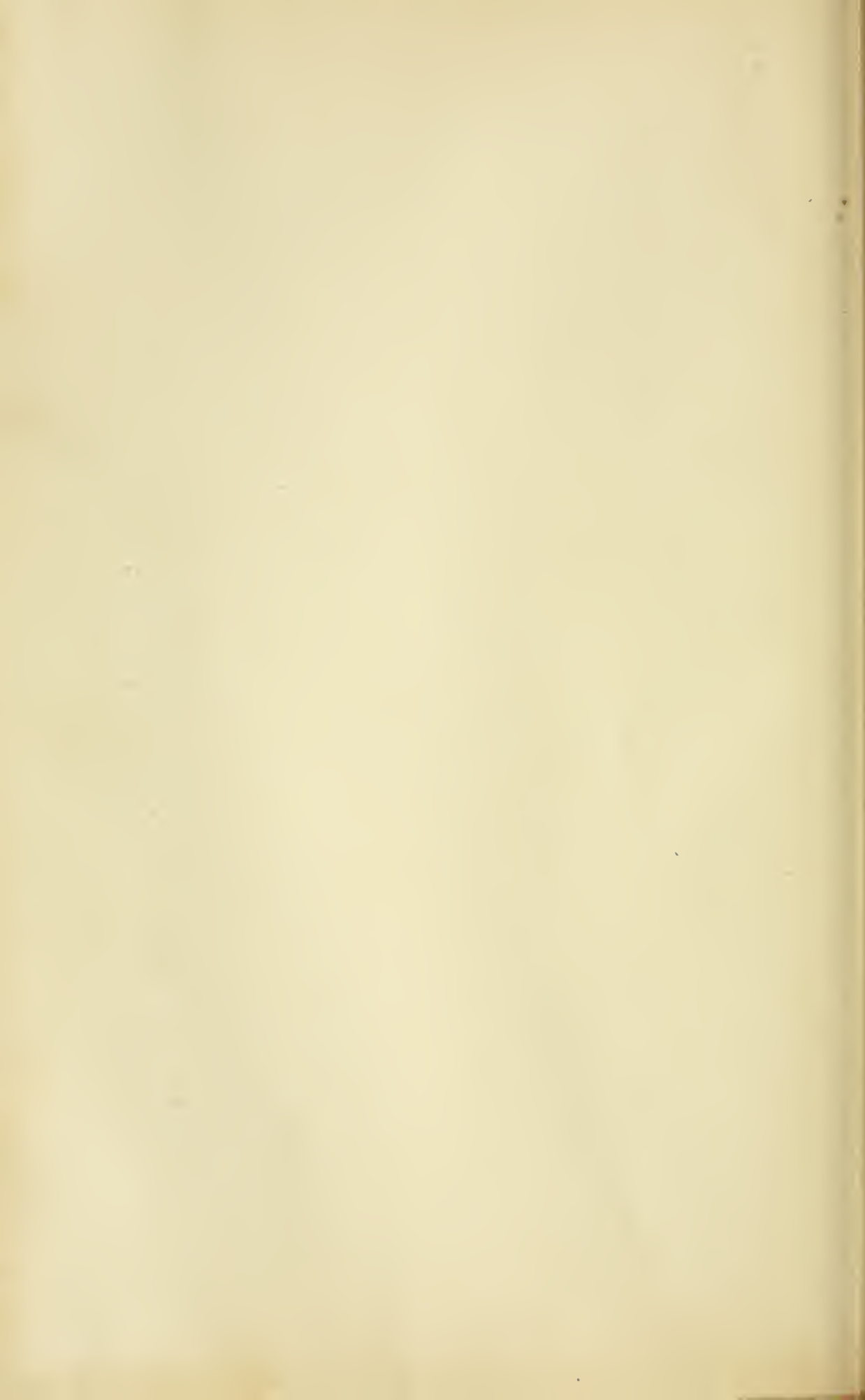
IV. These By-Laws may be amended in the same manner as the By-Laws of the Society (Art. 23); or may be temporarily suspended, by unanimous consent, but not otherwise.

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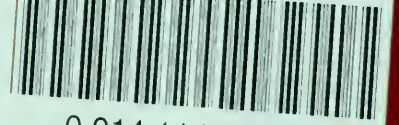












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